IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A 3D character mail system for reproducing electronic mail, comprising:

a first terminal to create 3D character mail by generating instruction information for expressing an input text message using a 3D font without having the 3D font previously stored in the first terminal, to transmit the text message and instruction information to a server, and to transmit access path information associated with the 3D character mail, to a second terminal[[,]];

said server to store the 3D font, to generate control information ~~independent of the 3D font and~~ about the 3D font for expressing the text message on the basis of the received instruction information, and to store the received text message and the generated control information as 3D message information independent from the 3D font, said control information being independent of the 3D font and including parameters for animating and creating a display appearance of the 3D font; and

said second terminal to access said server on the basis of the access path information received from said first terminal, to download the 3D message information and corresponding 3D font, and to reproduce the 3D character mail on the basis of the downloaded 3D message information and 3D font.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 17, wherein said first terminal further downloading the 3D message information and

corresponding 3D font from said server and reproducing the 3D character mail, before

transmitting the access path information.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A 3D character mail system for reproducing

electronic mail comprising:

a first terminal to create 3D character mail by generating control information

~~independent of a 3D font~~ about [[the]] a 3D font for expressing an input text message, to store

the 3D font, to transmit the text message, the generated control information, and the 3D font

used to express the text message, to a server, and to transmit access path information

associated with the 3D character mail, <u>directly</u> to a second terminal<u>, said control information</u>

<u>being independent of the 3D font</u>;

said server to store the received text message and control information as 3D message

information independent of the 3D font, and to store the received 3D font, said control

information including parameters for animating and creating a display appearance of the 3D

font; and

said second terminal to access said server on the basis of the access path information

received from said first terminal, to download the 3D message information and corresponding

3D font, and to reproduce the 3D character mail on the basis of the downloaded 3D message

information and 3D font.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A 3D character mail system for reproducing

electronic mail, comprising:

a first terminal to create 3D character mail by generating control information

~~independent of a 3D font~~ about [[the]] a 3D font for expressing an input text message, and to

transmit the text message and the generated control information to a second terminal without

transmitting information related to the 3D character mail to a server, said control information

being independent of the 3D font and including parameters for animating and creating a

display appearance of the 3D font; and

said second terminal to specify [[the]] a 3D font necessary for reproducing the 3D

character mail on the basis of the text message and the control information received from said

first terminal, to download the specified 3D font ~~independent of the 3D font~~ from said server,

and to reproduce the 3D character mail on the basis of the text message and the control

information received from said first terminal and the 3D font downloaded from said server.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A 3D character mail system for reproducing

electronic mail, comprising:

a first terminal to create 3D character mail by generating control information

~~independent of a 3D font~~ about the 3D font for expressing an input text message, to store the

3D font, and to transmit the text message, the generated control information, and the 3D font

used to express the text message, directly to a second terminal, said control information being

independent of the 3D font and including parameters for animating and creating a display

appearance of the 3D font; and

said second terminal to reproduce the 3D character mail only on the basis of the text

message, the control information and the 3D font received from said first terminal.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim

21, wherein

said first terminal further reproducing the 3D character mail on the basis of the input

text message, the generated control information and the 3D font, before transmitting the text

message, the generated control information, and the 3D font to the second terminal.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A 3D character mail system for reproducing electronic mail, comprising:

a first terminal to create 3D character mail by generating control information ~~independent of a 3D font~~ about [[the]] a 3D font for expressing an input text message, and to transmit the text message and the generated control information directly to a second terminal, said control information <u>being independent of a 3D font and</u> including parameters for animating and creating a display appearance of the 3D font; and

said second terminal to store the 3D font <u>before receiving the text message and control information from the first terminal</u> and to reproduce the 3D character mail only on the basis of the text message and the control information received directly from said first terminal and the 3D font stored in said second terminal.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 20, wherein said first terminal further storing the 3D font and reproducing the 3D character mail on the basis of the input text message, the generated control information, and the 3D font stored in said first terminal, before transmitting the text message and generated control information to the second terminal.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 19, wherein said first terminal includes a recording medium removably attached to the body of the first terminal, and the 3D font to be used in the 3D character mail is stored in said recording medium.

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Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 23, wherein said second terminal includes a recording medium removably attached to the body of the second terminal, and the 3D font to be used in the 3D character mail is stored in said recording medium.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 20, wherein said control information contains information specifying a font type of the 3D font to be used.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 20, wherein said control information contains a parameter for the 3D font to be used.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 20, wherein the 3D font transmitted to said second terminal is encrypted.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 20, wherein the control information transmitted to said second terminal is encrypted.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 17, wherein said text message contains an icon.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 23, wherein said first terminal further storing the 3D font and reproducing the 3D character mail on the basis of the input text message, the generated control information, and the 3D

font stored in said first terminal, before transmitting the text message and the generated

control information to the second terminal.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim

21, wherein said first terminal includes a recording medium removably attached to the body

of the first terminal, and the 3D font to be used in the 3D character mail is stored in said

recording medium and supplied.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim

21, wherein said control information contains information specifying a font type of the 3D

font to be used.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim

23, wherein said control information contains information specifying a font type of the 3D

font to be used.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim

21, wherein said control information contains a parameter for the 3D font to be used.

Claim 37 (Canceled).

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim

21, wherein the 3D font transmitted to said second terminal is encrypted.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 21, wherein the control information transmitted to said second terminal is encrypted.

Claim 40 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 23, wherein the control information transmitted to said second terminal is encrypted.

Claim 41 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 19, wherein said text message contains an icon.

Claim 42 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 20, wherein said text message contains an icon.

Claim 43 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 21, wherein said text message contains an icon.

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 23, wherein said text message contains an icon.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The 3D character mail system according to claim 17, wherein the control information includes at least a parameter for 3D font motion and a parameter for 3D font morphing.